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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT TO AFRICAN AREA,
APRIL-MAY 1976

1. THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE (NWC), IN PLANNING ITS 1976
OVERSEAS FIELD STUDIES, REQUESTS PERMISSION TO VISIT THE
FOLLOWING COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AREA DURING THE PERIOD
24 APRIL TO 8 MAY 1976:

ETA (LOCAL) NIGERIA 4/25 1240; ETD 1450 4/28

ETA (LOCAL) ZAIRE 4/28 1725, ETD 1820 1MAY

ETA (LOCAL) KENYA 2345 1 MAY, ETD 0030 6 MAY

2. PURPOSE OF THE VISITS IS TO COMPLETE STUDY OF KEY

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POLICY. GROUPS HAVE IN PAST MET WITH TOP CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP, US MISSION CHIEFS, AND FREQUENTLY WITH HEADS OF STATE, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AUTHORITATIVE FIRSTHAND IMPRESSIONS OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL, MILITARY, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND OTHER ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTRY AND REGION. ALTHOUGH FIELD STUDY CONCEPT THIS YEAR EMPHASIZES A LOWER PROFILE AND MORE

INTENSE FOCUS ON PREPARATION OF "ISSUE" PAPERS, NWC HOPES SIMILAR TOP-LEVEL MEETINGS WILL REMAIN APPROPRIATE AND OF ADVANTAGE TO US MISSIONS IN MANY COUNTRIES.

3. VISITS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

4. NWC GROUP WILL CONSIST OF 12 MEMBERS OF 0-5, 0-6 GS-15/16, FSO-2/3 LEVELS. NAME OF FIELD STUDY DIRECTOR WILL BE PROVIDED LATER. THE FIELD STUDY EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHO COORDINATES ALL ACTIVITIES IS COL R.P. DUNWEL DUNWELL, USMC, TELEPHONE (202) 693-8115. GROUP INTENDS TO TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT.

5. EMBASSIES WILL BE REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN THE VISIT AND COORDINATION OF THE PROGRAM, I.E., OFFICIAL VISITS, BRIEFINGS, BILLETING AND SOCIAL ASPECTS, WITH FIELD STUDY EXECUTIVE OFFICER. EACH EMBASSY WILL BE REQUESTED TO ASSURE APPOINTMENTS OF THE VISITING NWC GROUP WITH TOP OFFICIALS INCLUDING, WHEN SUITABLE, CHIEF OF STATE, PRIME MINISTER, AND/OR OTHERS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. IT IS NOTED THAT NWC STUDENTS ARE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF SUPERIOR PAST PERFORMANCE AND OUTSTANDING FUTURE POTENTIAL AT THE COMMAND AND/OR POLICY-MAKING LEVEL.

6. SOME NEARBY POSTS MAY BE ASKED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO HOST EMBASSIES TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWPOINTS. SIMILAR BRIEFINGS IN THE PAST HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. MISSIONS WILL BE INFORMED LATER AS TO THIS POSSIBILITY.

7. REQUEST EMBASSY CONCURRENCE IN VISIT, OR COMMENTS, AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE WITH COMMANDANT, NATIONAL WAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, D.C. AS INFO ADDRESSEE ON ALL TRAFFIC. FURTHER REQUEST YOU SEEK HOST GOVERNMENT APPROVAL IF VISIT IN YOUR JUDGEMENT POSES NO PROBLEM.

8. EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THEIR PROJECT OFFICERS, WITH INFO COPY TO COMMANDANT, NWC, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN COUNTRY PROJECT OFFICER AND

NWC FIELD STUDY EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS REQUESTED.

9. LETTER TO CHIEF OF MISSION WILL AMPLIFY CHANGES IN
FIELD STUDY EMPHASIS AND LETTER FROM NWC EXECUTIVE
OFFICER TO PROJECT OFFICER WILL INITIATE DISCUSSION OF
PREFERRED SCHEDULE ARRANGEMENTS.

10. FYI. INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES (ICAF)
NOT PLANNING SEPARATE TRIP TO AFRICA THIS YEAR. A FEW

MEMBERS OF NWC GROUP MAY IN FACT BE FROM ICAF. SISCO

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